

MAJOR NAME NEW HEAD POLICE.

Mayor Low Not Yet Ready to Announce His Choice, but the Street Cleaning Commissioner Is Looked Upon as the Favorite—Partridge's Resignation Formally Accepted.

WHAT WOODBURY WOULD MAKE THE POLICE DO.

New York policemen have taken a new interest in Dr. John McGaw Woodbury since Commissioner Partridge's resignation. They regard Dr. Woodbury as the coming man. They are paying particular attention to certain striking statements he has made about what he would have the police do.

"I would have the police watch every careless person who thoughtlessly throws waste into the streets and areas."

"Newspapers once read, are waste, so are bananas, oranges and other fruit peels and skins. These should not be tossed into the highways by the consumers."

"I would have policemen detailed on the congested east and west sides of the city to watch just such careless persons and make arrests when repeated violations are shown."

"Police should be detailed to keep the fruit vendors in line."

"Fruit vendors should be restricted to positions on one side of any street and compelled to remain orderly by the presence of watchful police. The man on the beat ought to be able to do that part of his work."

"If the people won't learn, the police ought to become public benefactors and instruct the careless ones with a few object lessons."

"It is the easiest thing in the world for the police to handle this part of their business, but they think it beneath them to attend to petty matters. They have no training and don't know how to obey."

"I have not selected Commissioner Partridge's successor," said Mayor Low on reaching the City Hall to-day. "Between now and the first of the year I shall endeavor to fill the vacancy. I have no comment to make on Commissioner Partridge's resignation. I leave that to the newspapers."

While Mayor Low keeps his counsel, politicians are busy guessing who will likely be his choice for the new head of the Police Department. Twelve men in all are involved in the speculation, but six of them are mentioned frequently.

John E. Eustis, Commissioner of Parks for the Borough of the Bronx, and Dr. John McGaw Woodbury, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, are the favorites in the preliminary guessing. With Capt. F. Norton Goddard, the candidate of the City Club, considered a likely chance and James B. Reynolds, Mayor Low's secretary, regarded as a dark horse.

Others prominently mentioned are likely to be considered by Mayor Low are First Deputy Commissioner of Police Ebsstein, and Second Deputy Piper, Major-Gen. Thomas H. Ruger, U. S. A., ex-Commissioner Avery D. Andrews, John McLean Nash, a Wall Street lawyer; Gen. Francis V. Greene, Col. Robert Monroe, now Commissioner of Gas, Electricity and Water Supply, and former District-Attorney Eugene A. Philbin.

Drops from Race.
Mr. Philbin removed himself from consideration to-day by declaring that under no circumstances could he accept a political appointment. He said that his choice for Police Commissioner would be H. H. Vreeland, of the Metropolitan system, or a man of his stamp, an organizer and one who thoroughly understood the handling of men.

While it is "anybody's" guess as to whom the Mayor will appoint, the trend of opinion in political circles is that first consideration will be given Dr. John McGaw Woodbury. The only thing that stands in the way of his selection, his supporters say to-day, was that Mayor Low was unwilling to lose so good a street commissioner.

Commissioner Woodbury was asked to-day by an Evening World reporter if he had received an intimation that he was to be Commissioner Partridge's successor. He paused before he answered, as though weighing every word.

"I will have to refer you to His Honor the Mayor," he said. "It would be manifestly improper for me to discuss Col. Partridge's successor at this time."

He was then reminded that six weeks ago, when a report of Col. Partridge's resignation was discussed, he had stated that he would not accept the Police Commissioner'ship.

"Are you still of that frame of mind?" he was asked, and his reply was, "I can say nothing now. It is not right to ask me to talk about this matter."

Commissioner Woodbury was equally unwilling to say whether he had seen Mayor Low since Commissioner Partridge had spoken to the Mayor of his resignation.

Commissioner Woodbury has an intimate acquaintance with the Police Department through the co-operation he obtained from the men in carrying out sanitary work.

He went to Police Headquarters to-day and called on Deputy Commissioner Piper. This led many to believe that the place had been offered to him. He couldn't say a word after his call, but Capt. Piper explained that the visit had to do with some matters which Piper had not settled up while he was in the street-cleaning department.

Capt. Piper said he had no idea who the new Commissioner would be and that he didn't think any one in the department knew. Whoever it might be, he said he would tender his resignation at once.

As there was a rumor about Headquarters that Inspector Brooks might be appointed, Capt. Piper was asked if he favored a member of the uniformed force. He replied that he thought a man familiar in a measure with the workings of the department was necessary, and that Col. Partridge had been

PROMINENT CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.



BIG BILL DEVERY HAS HIS SAY ABOUT COL. PARTRIDGE AND THEN MAKES A FEW WISE PHILOSOPHICAL REMARKS.

Informers Cartoonist Powers that the Wisest of Men Has Little to Say, and Throws a Few Bouquets at Tom Byrnes and "Alec" Williams, of Police Memory.

"There's a rumor on Broadway that you are going back to the Police Department," remarked Mr. Powers to Mr. Devery when the ex-Chief dropped into the Four Corners Club to-day.

That's a good josh," said Big Bill, unloosening his cigar to give himself a chance to smile. "But say, Sport, I could give Mayor Low a police department with any old kind of discipline—goody-goody or anything else he called for. I won't say anything about Partridge. He was a nice old man, and now that he has put away his knitting needles and gone home I hope he'll have the quiet his nerves deserve. He's had his fling and I guess he's sick of the whole reform bunch."

DEVERY BUYS A FEW NEEDLES.

"I don't know what's going to come off down in Mulberry street. There were three hands out down there. Now there's only one." And Bill chuckled over his joke.

Just then a weather-beaten peddler limped into the club. "Any needles to-day, Boss?" Devery's eyes lighted. "Here's my chance," he said with a grin. "Partridge has turned his in to the Mayor. I may need a few if he sends for me. If he don't, I'll knit a pair of socks for Hugh McLaughlin for Christmas." And Bill handed the peddler half a dollar and folded the knitting needles away in an inside pocket.

"You newspaper sports could not locate me when the wires were hot with the news of Partridge's resignation. I was riding in elevators in twenty-story buildings, in and out of basements, riding in buggies, looking over real estate with icicles on it, and I never got a fall."

"Will I run for the leadership next time? You can bet I will—I've got Merrit rolling up his trombone now."

BITS OF PHILOSOPHY FROM DEVERY.

"Say, Sport," added the big ex-Chief, "I want to make a few remarks. In the police business like the real estate business, you have got to be Johnny on the Spot. It's everything to keep your thoughts to yourself. If you've got a grandmother keep her guessing. Keep everybody guessing."

"Gen. Grant was like the river you read about, still and deep. He never talked. Just listened and shook his head up or down or crossways. He was a good listener. I am, too. A man can always learn."

"That's the trouble with the average person, he can't keep quiet. Now the rooster that has sense just looks wise. People think a lot more of a silent man. He gets the reputation."

"Look at Alec Williams. He never said nothing. Just smiled and listened. He and Tom Byrnes were the most successful cops the city ever knew."

"I'm pretty good myself, but I'm modest. I don't say nothing, but I'm thinking."

DOZEN OF PROMINENT MEN NAMED FOR PARTRIDGE'S JOB.

In making predictions as to the man to be chosen by Mayor Low as successor to Police Commissioner Partridge the morning papers have mentioned twelve prominent citizens.

Among the predictions are:
Herald—John E. Eustis, Dr. John McGaw Woodbury.
Sun—James E. Reynolds, John McLean Nash.
Times—Deputy Commissioner Piper, Gen. Avery D. Andrews.
Tribune—Ex-District-Attorney Philbin, Deputy Commissioner Ebsstein.

Press—Capt. F. Norton Goddard, Col. Robert Grier Monroe.
American—Frank Moss, former Chief John McCullagh.

VANDERBILT GROOM TO BAR.

Intended Blow for Wife, but Broke Mrs. Hanley's Head.

James Lahey, of No. 213 West Sixty-sixth street, who is said to be a groom in the employ of one of the Vanderbilts, was held in \$1,000 bail for trial in the West Side Court to-day on a charge of assault. The complainant was Mrs. Bridget Hanley.

It appears that on Dec. 4 Lahey, being well belated with liquor, determined to chastise his wife, and chose for a weapon a monkey wrench. Mrs. Lahey, divining his intention, fled from her apartments and sought refuge in the kitchen of Mrs. Hanley.

Lahey followed her and threw the

monkey wrench at her. He missed his wife, but struck Mrs. Hanley so effectively that her skull was fractured in two places. Lahey has been in jail, while Mrs. Hanley has been having her head repaired in Roosevelt Hospital. She appeared in court to prosecute to-day.

WITCH STARRERS INDICTED.

Indians Must Answer in Court for Crime.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 12.—Five Hoonah Indians who starved a man of their tribe to death for witchcraft have been indicted for murder at Juneau.

POLICE WIN IN SLIPPERY CHASE

Burglar Ran Up Ice-Coated Fire Escape and Across Snow-Covered Housetop, with Officers After Him.

CAUGHT UNDER STAIRWAY.

Capt. Miles O'Reilly, of the Oak Street Station, familiarly known in the Police Department as the "Brooklyn Terror," went "out on the trail" before dawn to-day, and as a result his policemen captured two men who confess they are burglars. Whenever the Captain starts out to "shoo-fly" among his policemen it is a certainty that a bagging of criminals will be the result. Policeman Harlick heard a window break, and inside of Henry Dick's restaurant, at Pearl street and Peck Slip, he saw William Collins, of No. 153 Cherry street, trying to break open the cash register. Harlick called Policemen Sullivan, Murphy and Hay, and the four pounced in on the man without a warning.

Collins took a "header" through a rear window, climbed an ice-coated fire-escape to the four-story building facing on Water street and cantered across the snow-covered roof with two policemen after him and two on the street. After an hour's search he was found under a stairway and confessed that he had tried to get \$1 he had seen Dick put in the cash drawer.

Immediately after Collins was captured Policeman Cahill caught John Mulvey in the act of breaking the window of a barber shop at No. 16 Catherine Slip with a brick. Mulvey cut his hand badly and was easily captured. He gave his address on Cherry street, a few doors from that of Collins's home.

GREENE SEEKING PARTRIDGE'S JOB.

General Calls on Gov. Odell Presumably to Ask Him to Use His Influence with Mayor Low.

CONFERRED FOR AN HOUR.

Gen. Francis V. Greene appears on the political horizon as a possible successor of Col. Partridge. He hustled into the Fifth Avenue Hotel to-day, shook the snow from his great overcoat, rushed up to the clerk's desk, and asked: "Is Gov. Odell in?"

Gen. Greene took a card from an alligator skin case, and scribbling hastily a sentence on the back, forwarded it to the Governor.

Gov. Odell is in town ostensibly on a Christmas shopping expedition with Mrs. Odell.

Presently the General was asked to meet the Governor in his room. For upward of an hour the Governor and the General remained in consultation and the General went away looking happy. To the reporters he said:

"Nothing to say. Not a word," and then he went out into the cold of Broadway.

The Governor stated that the call of the General was merely of a social nature. But the political wisecracks in the corridors would not have it so. They voiced the belief that the General was in pursuit of the Colonel's job and that standing in well with the Governor he could be assured of the latter's hearty assistance; besides, he is a staunch Republican is the General, and as Mayor Low wants a Republican for the berth it is natural to assume that Greene is the man, said the wise boys. So there you are!

"What does Odell want a Republican particularly?" asked the unsophisticated reporter.

"Don't you see, old man, that it would be good politics to appoint a Republican? The Republicans feel that they ought to get something, and besides another election is coming. Put a Republican in command at Police Headquarters and you will have more Republican votes next fall."

If Mayor Low is obstructing the appointment of a Republican may, therefore, be regarded as a "clinch."

"And yet you choose the early bird?"

SHOT STRANGER; KILLS HIMSELF.

H. D. Martin, of Newark, N. J., Without Warning, Uses a Revolver with Fatal Effect in a Boston Street.

NO CAUSE FOR THE ACT.

(Special to The Evening World.)

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—A man supposed to be H. D. Martin, of Newark, N. J., shot Thomas B. Taylor in the right thigh and then killed himself early this morning. The men, who were absolute strangers, met on Washington, near William street.

"Hello," he said to Taylor, seizing him by the hands and shaking them vigorously. "Hello. How are you? Say, I'm going to do some shooting."

Taylor shook his head, but before he had taken a step the stranger drew a revolver and fired. Taylor fell and Martin nipped into Leland place and sent a bullet through his head. Death was instantaneous.

The dead man and his victim were taken by the police to the Dedham street station, and Dr. McQueen was called. Taylor was a great pain. The doctor found that the bullet had gone entirely through the thigh, probably cutting an artery in its course. He bound the injury up and Taylor was sent to the City Hospital. The dead man was taken to the Morgue. Taylor was at a complete loss to account for the assault. He had never seen the man before.

A leather wallet marked H. D. Martin was found in his pocket. This contained \$54.40 and a rebate ticket on the Delaware & Lackawanna Railroad.

WHAT'S OFFICE ANYHOW?

Bayonne Man Elected by 15 Willing to Resign.

"My friend Reilly can have the office if he wants it very badly and I'll save him the cost of a recount," said yesterday James Dowling, Republican, who was recently elected School Trustee in the First Ward, Bayonne, N. J., by 15 majority.

James F. Reilly, Democrat, who ran against Dowling, has obtained from Justice Collins an order for a recount. Reilly will doubtless accept Dowling's offer.

VETERAN BANKER DIES.

Timothy Dick Was Sixty Years in One Institution.

Timothy Dick, the veteran banker of White Plains, is dead. He died as he had lived, quietly and peacefully.

Mr. Dick lived in a handsome home in White Plains and literally spent his life in the East River Savings Institution in this city, rising from messenger to clerk, later to paying teller and then to cashier. As old age began to tell upon him he was retired by the bank trustees and put on a pension, after sixty years of conscientious service.

He began to fail rapidly after that, but insisted on going to the bank daily, where it was his custom to go behind the cashier's desk, notwithstanding his retirement, and help in the transaction of business there.

He never married. His estate is valued at \$100,000. He was a brother of Enosh Dick, who for thirty years acted as paying teller in the Park National Bank and dropped dead of heart disease in 1901.

TELLS WHERE BAD LITTLE BOYS CO.

Tiny Witness Before the Coal Strike Commission Explains to Judge Gray the Fate of Evildoers.

BISHOP SPALDING SMILES.

(Special to The Evening World.)

SCRANTON, Dec. 12.—At to-day's session of the Strike Commission a pathetic story with some humorous points was told by a ten-year-old breaker by Paul Heahan. He works in the D. & H. No. 5 breaker for 64 cents a day.

"Last month," he said, "I got only 34 cents in pay. The rest was taken off for rent. Mike Curry, he only got one cent."

He said when he went to ask the boss for a job he told him he was the only one in the family able to work with the company to pay the rent, \$6.36 a month.

He was given a place in the breaker with a "hump," where he had to work so hard all day that his finger nails were worn off.

He said his father, one brother and two sisters worked. Commissioner Clark asked him: "How old did you tell the boss you were?"

"Going on eleven."

Judge Gray said: "You know what becomes of bad boys?"

The little fellow had previously said: "They go to h—l."

Bishop Spalding smiled benignly.

Attorney Torey, of the Delaware and Hudson, called President Mitchell to the stand to cross-examine him regarding the wage comparisons he submitted yesterday showing that the soft coal workers get from 40 to 50 per cent. more than the anthracite men who are paid by the day. Mr. Torey said that the comparison was based on a ten-hour day's earnings for the bituminous men, whereas they only worked eight hours.

Mr. Mitchell said this was so and he made the comparison to show what the anthracite men should get for the ten hours' work. He estimated that an eight-hour shift increased the intensity and efficiency of a man's work about 20 per cent.

He also explained that his wage comparison was based on 1,901 figures for a year's work, the best and most profitable year for a long time.

"And yet you choose the early following to it to precipitate the great strike, when the mining conditions were most profitable and plenty of work was to be had?"

Mr. Mitchell made no reply.

Mr. Mitchell in speaking about the approval of the strike being avoided said: "I made every effort it was in my power to avoid the strike."

"Then if you had the power and the approval of the union, as you had the power to do?" asked Mr. Torey.

"I had to consider the power to take action of the convention, as you had the power to do?" asked Mr. Torey.

"Do you think, in view of the serious consequence of the strike, that you were justified in calling it upon the loose and haphazard demand of the men, without first examining the books of the companies to see what they were able to pay an increase?"

The companies had plenty of opportunity to build a conference with Mr. Mitchell. He replied: "And in any case I should not take the profits of the coal-selling alone. I should want the railroad profits as well, to find out what their real profit is."

Mr. Mitchell said that if the union had a contract with the operators it could revoke the charter of any local which failed to exercise this power during the strike and said he had no knowledge that any local was guilty of allowing its members to use violent or unlawful methods.

Mr. Mitchell explained why it was the union desired a conference with the operators to be under one union. He said otherwise one class might strike and cause all the others to strike, whereas now it requires a two-thirds vote of all to effect a strike.

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